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TO : Chief, WE
FROM : Senior Representative, ()
SUBJECT: GENERAL— REDSKIN Operations
SPECIFIC— Plan LAXION
Reference : OIRM-2068 BOPINESSSE

DATE: 5 February 1954

1. Since receipt of Reference attempt has been made to obtain a full report on Subject Plan and on the outcome of ()'s mission to Odessa. Time after time, however, () has pled forgetfulness, and it has become obvious that he is extremely loath to give the detailed information desired. Knowing (), we feel this is an indication that the operation in question was an utter failure, possibly as the result of an operational blunder which he does not wish brought to our knowledge.
2. Every attempt will be made to obtain the information desired, but in the meantime the following meager points have emerged:
 - a) On his last call at Odessa () engaged in a vodka-with-beer-chaser drinking bout with his Russian contacts there. According to his own story he suspects that he may have revealed all details of the mission entrusted him by ().
 - b) ()'s last instruction from his Russian contacts was to return to Italy, go about his normal affairs, and await further contact. Such contact has not been forthcoming, and () considers the operation at an end.
 - c) () is currently active as a naval observer for () and at present is serving aboard a merchant vessel calling at Yugoslav ports.
3. As regards this type of operation in general, ()'s chief is fully aware of our particular interest. We feel certain that he would bring to our attention any genuine possibilities open to him along those lines.

Prepared by:
() 2 February 1954

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